

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

ARNOLD PATTS, # 223295,

CASE NO. 06-CV-12389

HONORABLE BERNARD A. FRIEDMAN

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

a/k/a/ Arno T. Sutton Bey,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL BLOCK, et. al.,

Defendants,

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**OPINION AND ORDER OF SUMMARY DISMISSAL**

Plaintiff is an inmate currently confined at the Ojibway Correctional Facility in Marenisco, Michigan. On July 25, 2006, Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen signed an order of deficiency, which required plaintiff to file pay the \$ 350.00 filing fee or to submit an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* within thirty days of the order. To date, plaintiff has neither paid the filing fee in full or supplied this Court with the requested information. For the reasons stated below, the complaint is dismissed with prejudice.

**I. Discussion**

The Prisoner Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PLRA) states that “if a prisoner brings a civil action or files an appeal *in forma pauperis*, the prisoner shall be required to pay the full amount of a filing fee.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1)(as amended). See also *In Re Prison Litigation Reform Act*, 105 F. 3d 1131, 1138 (6<sup>th</sup>

Cir. 1997). The *in forma pauperis* statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), does provide prisoners the opportunity to make a “downpayment” of a partial filing fee and pay the remainder in installments. See *Miller v. Campbell*, 108 F. Supp. 2d 960, 962 (W.D. Tenn. 2000). Under the PLRA, a prisoner may bring a civil action *in forma pauperis* if he files an affidavit of indigency and a certified copy of the trust fund account statement for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint. See 28 U.S.C.A. § 1915(a). If the inmate does not pay the full filing fee and fails to provide the required documents, the district court must notify the prisoner of the deficiency and grant him thirty days to correct it or pay the full fee. See *McGore v. Wrigglesworth*, 114 F. 3d 601, 605 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir.1997). If the prisoner does not comply, the district court must presume that the prisoner is not a pauper, assess the inmate the full fee, and order the case dismissed for want of prosecution. *Id.*

The Court will dismiss the complaint for want of prosecution, because of plaintiff’s failure to comply with Magistrate Judge Whalen’s deficiency order by failing to timely pay the filing fee or to provide the requested documentation needed to proceed *in forma pauperis*. See *Erby v. Kula*, 113 Fed. Appx. 74, 75-6 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004); *Davis v. United States*, 73 Fed. Appx. 804, 805 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003).

Accordingly, the Court **DISMISSES** the complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1) and (b)(1) and (2) for failure to comply with the filing requirements of the Prison Litigation Reform Act. Because the case is being dismissed under

these circumstances, the Court further **ORDERS** that it is not to be reinstated to the district court's active docket despite the subsequent payment of filing fees.

*McGore*, 114 F. 3d at 605.

\_\_\_\_s/Bernard A. Friedman\_\_\_\_  
**HON. BERNARD A. FRIEDMAN**  
**CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

DATED: September 26, 2006

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record on September 26, 2006, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

s/Caryl Mullins  
Case Manager